

by the Patent Office are corrected by the ADS supplemental paper in accordance with 37 CFR §1.76 and MPEP §601.05.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Patent Office notes that certain references listed in the specification have not been submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants thank the Patent Office for pointing this out and have enclosed herein an information disclosure statement identifying those references.

DRAWINGS

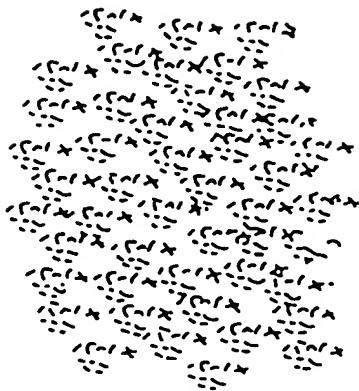
The Patent Office objects to the drawings filed, because they fail to show the deployment of the invention (Figure 1, Stage 1), which states that the invention is deployed from the aft deck of a ship (page 5, lines 6-7), as described in the specification. Applicants submit that any structural detail that is essential for a proper understanding of the invention specified in the claims is shown in the drawings in accordance with 37 CFR §1.83(a), and provides the following explanation. With respect to Applicants' specification, page 5, lines 6-7 which state "[T]hese devices are thrown to a distance from the aft deck P of a ship," these structural details are shown in Figure 2. At the top of the treelike structure in Figure 2, is a top view of a ship and a circle including the aft end of a ship which is shown in Figure 2 in the exploded view of aft deck P including two launcher locations for throwing decoys in directions identified by the arrows. Such launchers may include typical launching devices known in the art and are not included in the current claims. Thus, the Applicants assert that with respect to Figure 1, Stage 1, that Figures 1 and 2 are in accordance with 37 CFR §1.83(a) and MPEP §608.02(d).

The Patent Office also objects to the drawings as not showing every feature of claim 1, as required by 37 CFR §1.83(a). In response, the Applicants have corrected Figure 1, Stage 2 to show the body of effervescent material, as well as a covering material that is soluble in sea water. The Applicants assert that no new matter has been entered as the corrected drawing is fully supported in the specification, as follows. A covering of material that is soluble in sea water for covering and effervescent material and having a thickness is described in Applicants' specification on page 1, line 18 and

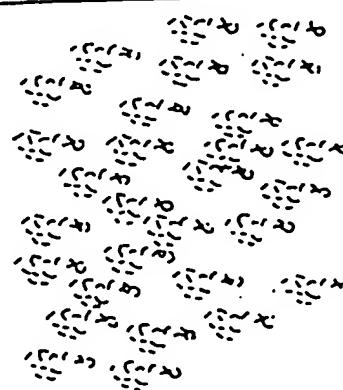


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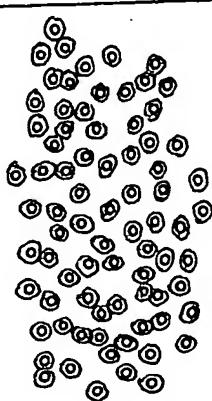
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Stage III



Stage II



Stage I



FIG. 1